

IN RECOGNITION OF "DR. HAWTHORNE E. WELCHER"

Whereas, Dr. Welcher has been principal of Tubman Middle School since 1997; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Welcher has served the faculty, students, and community, and has enriched the lives of many of his students by establishing an academic atmosphere with high expectations for students performance and achievement; establishing an after-school program and mentoring program with the 100 Black Men of Augusta, Inc.; and

Whereas, Dr. Welcher has reached his goal in encouraging his teachers to strive for excellence, to increase test scores, with 81% of our eighth grade students passing the Middle Grades Writing Assessment, and receiving the Pay for Performance Incentive Grant; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Welcher, has been awarded the Superintendent's Award for Academic Achievement, the Richmond County Association of Student Councils Principal of the Year Award and the Richmond County School Nutrition Program Principal of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Welcher, by establishing the I Can Learn Mathematics Lab, the Compass Learning Lab, and an Art Infusion Program to create a learning environment to enable students at Tubman Middle School to reach their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Welcher is a man of uncompromising integrity. He is a remarkable educator, artist, father, and a man of dignity. His achievements are truly a reflection of his deep faith in God.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim May 21, 2002 to be "DR. HAWTHORNE E. WELCHER DAY" and urge all citizens to join in the recognition of his contributions to our community and our children.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this 21st day of May 2002.